Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—But they are by profession Bhagavathars.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I think the late Mr. Doraswamy Ayyar does not hold any certificate nor was he by profession a Bhagavathar.

The Sakthan Thampuran Memorial School at Putheyedom, Vellarappilli.

299. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council:—

(a) whether representations have been made either by the inhabitants of Vellarappilli or by the present Manager of the Sakthan Thampuran Memorial School at Putheyedom, Vellarappilli, or by both that the said school may be taken over under Government management;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether the question has been considered by the Government;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, the decision arrived at by the Government;

(d) if the Government have arrived at an adverse decision, the reasons for such dicision;

(e) whether a large majority of the pupils of the said school do not belong to the backward classes so called;

(f) whether there have been instances of Primary Schools under private management being taken over under Government management where it has been found that proper persons are not coming forward to take up the management of such schools;

(g) if the answer to (f) is in the affirmative, the names of such schools, the locality in which such schools are situated, and the names of persons who were in management of such schools prior to their being taken over under Government management?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes, by both.

(b) & (c). The petitioners were informed that the question would be considered next year, the requisition having been made too late for consideration this year.

(d) Vide answer to (b) & (c).

(e) Yes.

(f) There was only one instance of the kind referred to.

(g) Pattancheri Aided School in the Chittur Taluk under the management of one Mr. V. K. Karunakaran Nayar.

Cochin Teachers' Association and its recommendations.

300. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table a capy of the resolutions of the general assembly of the Cochin Teachers'

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Association held in Chingam 1103 and submitted by it to the Director and to state:—

(a) what steps have been taken by the Government to give effect to each of the said resolutions;

(b) have any final orders been passed by the Government upon them;

(c) what are those orders?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a), (b) & (c). Vide answer to question No. 86 of the last Vrischigam Session of the Council.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I am referred to question No. 86 of the previous session. And there with regard to resolutions Nos. 1, 5, 6 and 11 it is stated that they were taken notice of by the Special Finance Committee. May I know whether orders have been passed on those recommendations?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No orders have been passed as yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How long will it take to pass orders?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not in a position to say.

Building and Furniture Grants to Aided Schools.

301. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of grant-in-aid schools that applied for (1) building grant, (2) furniture grant, in the last 5 educational years with the number of years these schools were in existence;

(b) the names of schools which have been granted either of the grants with the amounts given to each under each of the above headings with reasons, if any, for the selection?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Vide answer to question No. 89 of the last Vrischigam Session of the Council.

Service in Mesopotamia counting for promotion in State Service.

302. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government had accepted the view that in the case of Government Servants, the period of service in Mesopotamia will count for promotion, increment, etc., in the State service;

(b) whether the Government have been aware of the fact that any Departmental Head in the State has issued a Memo to that effect;

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